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Picketing Planned
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Group at UB Protests Job Recruiters' Bar

A group of University of Buffalo students organized Friday to protest the university's withdrawal of invitations to a private company and a government agency who planned to send representatives to the UB campus next week to interview prospective employees.

Involved are the federal government's Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Dow Chemical Co. They were among several prospective employers invited by the university to visit the campus and interview students.

However, the UB branch of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as an antiwar and antiadministration gesture, protested the appearance of CIA and Dow Chemical representatives on campus. Dow manufactures napalm which is used in the war in Vietnam.

Protest Threatened

SDS informed the UB administration that the student organization would demonstrate on campus next week if CIA and Dow representatives appeared.

Learning Friday that the UB administration had withdrawn the invitations to the CIA and Dow, a group of students formed a new group, the Committee for Concerned Students (CCS).

Student leaders of CCS are David Watchtel, president; Richard Kelsey, executive vice president; Robert Claussen, executive secretary, and David Clowes, publicity chairman.

Issues Statement

Friday afternoon they protested the UB administration's withdrawal of invitations to the CIA and Dow. They said campus interviews should be open to all prospective employers, or none. The CCS officers said they will picket Norton Union on campus Monday in protest of UB's action.

In response to a CCS demand for an explanation, Richard A. Siggelkow, UB's vice president for student affairs, issued a statement which said in part:

"Dissent and differences are best expressed at a university in free and open discussion rather than through demonstrations. All members of the university community must continue to share responsibility for maintaining a climate in which diverse views can be expressed freely and without harassment.

"... It would be most unfortunate if thoughtless actions and emotionally inspired conflicts among persons holding opposing points of view physically disrupted the educational program ...

Welfare Is Factor

"The general welfare of all must be considered when situations could develop in which potential danger is present ... No university should allow itself to become a battleground for conflicting opinions that could too easily disrupt its basic educational functions and subject individuals to possibly physical harm.

"... In view of the fact that the entire academic community has not had sufficient opportunity to resolve this matter through full and open discussion, campus interviewing facilities are being withheld from the CIA and Dow Chemical Co. for the time being."

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